

REMARKS

Claims 9-21 and 23-31 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 22 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 9, 10 and 23 are amended, and claim 31 is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 24-30 are allowed, and that claims 10-11 and 22-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable subject matter of claim 22 has been added to claim 9. Accordingly, claim 9 should be in condition for allowance along with claims 12-21 and 23 which depend therefrom. Further, claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 10 should be in condition for allowance, along with claim 11 which depends therefrom.

The Office Action rejected claims 9 and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Manson et al. (hereinafter "Manson"), and rejected claims 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Manson in view of Payne et al. (hereinafter "Payne"). The rejections are moot in view of the above discussed amendments which introduce allowable subject matter into claim 9 and rewrite claim 10 into independent form.

Added independent claim 31 is substantially identical to allowed claim 24 except that it omits the term "continuously." For example, claim 31 recites "a memory storing the user-selected wash cycle option and operation history data of the motor and the load part" and a microprocessor configured to read the stored user-selected wash cycle option and history data from the memory and upload them to an external device when connected thereto." These features are not disclosed in the applied prior art references. For example, as discussed in previous replies, Klausner discloses an electrical home appliance connected to a bus system for transmitting control commands and/or sensor signals, but not the operation history data. Othmer fails to overcome these deficiencies. Therefore, claim 31 should be in condition for allowance.

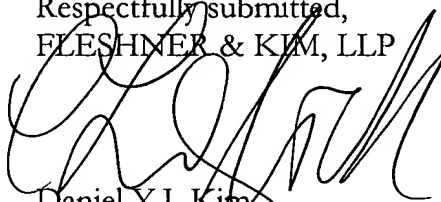
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carol L. Druzick, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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